



ARIZONA MILITARY REGIONAL COMPATIBILITY PROJECT

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The Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project is a statewide program to identify resolutions to land use compatibility issues around military airports, installations, and ranges in the State of Arizona. This project update is one in a series of newsletters that will be distributed throughout the endeavor to keep stakeholders and other interested parties up to date on project progress.

The statewide program comprises several individual projects. The first of these projects, the Western Maricopa County / Luke Air Force Base Compatibility Project, was completed in March 2003. The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base / Tucson Joint Land Use Study began in April 2003. Projects that will begin during 2003 include the Luke Auxiliary Field 1 Joint Land Use Study, the Barry M. Goldwater Range and Gila Bend Joint Land Use Study, the Marine Corps Air Station-Yuma Joint Land Use Study consistency review, and the Arizona Statewide Compatibility Policy Guidelines.



DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE / TUCSON JOINT LAND USE STUDY

JOINT LAND USE STUDY

To encourage cooperative land use planning between military installations and the surrounding communities, the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) in the Department of Defense operates a Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) program. The JLUS aids communities in the preparation of development plans and regulations that are compatible with the various missions of the individual installations in their region.

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base / Tucson phase of the Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project is funded through a JLUS grant. The State of Arizona is the grant sponsor and Bryant Monroe is the OEA staff member who will serve as an on-site Department of Defense resource for the project. Mr. Monroe will appear at public meetings and will be available for discussion to aid in the success of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base / Tucson JLUS.

Past JLUS studies in various parts of the nation demonstrate a high success rate. Though no two studies are the same, the JLUS effort can directly benefit both jurisdictions and installations by accomplishing the following actions:

- Protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents near military installations
- Preserve long-term compatibility between the installation and community
- Promote comprehensive community planning
- Encourage cooperation between base officials and community officials
- Integrate the local jurisdictions' general and comprehensive plans with the installation's plans

For more information about the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment Joint Land Use Studies Program, visit their website at <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/oea/eadshome.nsf/> or to provide feedback and/or ask questions concerning the JLUS Program, please contact Bryant Monroe, Project Manager, Office of Economic Adjustment, Department of Defense at (703) 604-5690 or at bryant.monroe@osd.mil.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BRIEFING 1

The first of four Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) briefings was held on June 18, 2003. The purpose of these briefings is to provide timely project information and opportunities for input by the members of the PAC. **PAC Briefing 1** offered the committee an overview of the project and presented issues identified within the study area. An in-progress draft briefing paper titled *Task 2: Existing and Historical Conditions Analysis and Mapping* was released for public comment at the PAC Briefing. The paper contains existing and historical conditions of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Pima County, and the City of Tucson; examines existing legislation; and provides a preliminary summary of the principle opportunities and constraints related to maintaining Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's mission while achieving compatible land uses in the vicinity of the Base. The draft briefing paper can be viewed on the project website at www.azcommerce.com/communityplanning/compatibility. The second PAC Briefing is scheduled for July 23, 2003, and will focus on compatible land use criteria for land use and safety. All PAC Briefings are open to the public, and interested parties are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions regarding the Policy Advisory Committee or its meetings, please contact Heather Garbarino, Community Planning Specialist, at the Arizona Department of Commerce at (602) 771-1128.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Over 130 participants attended a Public Informational Meeting held on July 9, 2003, at Randolph Clubhouse in Tucson. Various residents, landowners, business owners, and developers, along with representatives from the Department of Defense Office of Economic Adjustment, the Arizona Department of Commerce, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Pima County, and the City of Tucson joined together to discuss urban development issues in the vicinity of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Tucson Mayor, Robert Walkup, and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Vice Wing Commander, Colonel Michael Spencer, made brief comments at the meeting and voiced support for this important undertaking. A presentation provided attendees with an outline of the work program, a description of the JLUS Program, maps of the study area, identified study issues, and next steps in the process. Following the presentation, participants were encouraged to ask questions, interact, share information, exchange ideas, and provide comments to the study team. All comments will be taken into consideration as we continue work on this important statewide endeavor. A special thanks to the City of Tucson for sponsoring the delicious refreshments.

The Public Informational Meeting was attended by several media outlets, including the *Arizona Daily Star*, the *Tucson Citizen*, *Inside Tucson Business*, and FOX 11 News. Media coverage was essential to reaching a community-wide audience. The print and visual media outlets represented have a combined circulation of over 200,000.

Please do not forget to mail in your blue comment cards (distributed at the Public Informational Meeting), or you may email your comments to heatherg@azcommerce.com. Your input is important to the success of this project.

NEXT STEPS AND PROJECT BENCHMARKS

Next Steps:

- Develop Compatibility Criteria and Compatible Use Alternatives
- Public Review and Input on Criteria and Use Alternatives
- Develop Recommended Implementation Strategies

Project Benchmarks:

- PAC Briefing 2.....July 23, 2003
- PAC Briefing 3August 2003
- Second Public Informational Meeting.....late September 2003
- PAC Briefing 4September / October 2003
- Alternative Scenarios and Strategies October 2003
- Draft Plan for ReviewNovember 2003
- Release Final PlanDecember 2003
- Stakeholder Executive BriefingDecember 2003



LUKE AUXILIARY FIELD 1 JOINT LAND USE STUDY

The Luke Auxiliary Field 1 Joint Land Use Study work program has been reviewed and revised based on input from the State of Arizona, Luke AFB, Maricopa County, and the City of Surprise. The final scope of work was approved by the Department of Defense, Office of Economic Adjustment on July 17, 2003, with authorization to proceed. This project is funded through a Department of Defense JLUS grant and will follow the JLUS Program Guidance, which includes the formation of a technical Working Group and a Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). It is anticipated that the project will be completed before the end of the year. The approved work program can be viewed on the project website at www.azcommerce.com/communityplanning/compatibility.



WESTERN MARICOPA COUNTY / LUKE AFB REGIONAL COMPATIBILITY PLAN

COMPATIBILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Western Maricopa County / Luke AFB Regional Compatibility Plan is complete, and work has begun on the implementation of the Plan's strategies. Letters have been received since the Plan's release, and this additional input will be utilized in the development of the Statewide Compatibility Policy Guidelines. The Statewide Guidelines are funded through the Department of Defense JLUS grant and will comprise the "best practices" and lessons learned from each of the statewide compatibility projects.

The Western Maricopa County / Luke AFB Regional Compatibility Plan contains the state team's recommendations for balancing growth and preserving the mission of Luke AFB within the current political climate. There is no "hammer" inherent to the Plan; specific implementation will occur through legislative means, at the local jurisdiction level, and through creative partnerships. Continuing meaningful dialogue and collaboration in implementation throughout the West Valley region is essential for preserving the mission of Luke AFB. Every stakeholder has a role to play and the responsibility to work towards acceptable solutions.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT

To find information, provide feedback, or ask questions about the Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project, please visit the project web site via www.azcommerce.com, or contact Deb Sydenham, AICP, Director, Community Planning Office, Arizona Department of Commerce at (602) 771-1127 or debs@azcommerce.com.

GOVERNOR NAPOLITANO'S MILITARY FACILITIES TASK FORCE

The Governor's Military Facilities Task Force was created to develop strategies for ensuring long-term retention of all premier military facilities in Arizona so that they may continue to perform their vital national defense missions. The Task Force comprises nine voting members, one advisory member, and one military liaison. In addition, two advisory committees will be formed to assist the Task Force in reaching its conclusions and gathering public input. One advisory committee will be composed of local elected officials and the other committee will consist of military personnel.

The next Military Facilities Task Force meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2003, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m. at the University of Arizona Foundation (Swede Johnson Building) in Tucson, Arizona. The future meeting schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, August 19, 2003
9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.
U of A Foundation
Swede Johnson Building
1111 N. Cherry Street,
Tucson, AZ

Tuesday, September 9, 2003
9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.
Central AZ College, Room M101
8470 N. Overfield Road
Coolidge, AZ

Tuesday, October 7, 2003
9:30 a.m. to approximately 1:00 p.m.
Central AZ College, Room M101
8470 N. Overfield Road
Coolidge, AZ

Questions about the Task Force and its meetings should be directed to Dion Roland Flynn, Executive Director of the Military Facilities Task Force at (602) 542-7007 or dflynn@az.gov.